

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Horticulture Department – Procurement of Turmeric under MIS for Crop season 2011-12- by AP MARKFED-Guide lines/Instructions –Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (HORTI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 311

Date: 24th March, 2012

Read the following:-

1. D.O.Lr.No.515/HORTI/A2/2012 Date: 28.02.2012.
2. From the Commissioner of Horticulture, Hyderabad Lr.No. Fruits/Lr.No.Fruits/11/2010, Dated:24.02.2012
3. From the Managing Director, AP MARKFED, Hyderabad Lr.No. Rc.No.P&M1/turmeric/2011-12 Dated:24.02.2012 addressed to Commissioner of Horticulture, Hyderabad.
4. Government of India Lr.No.L-15016/2/2012-MPS Dated: 20.03.2012.

ORDER:

Government of Andhra Pradesh have forwarded the proposals to Government of India for approval of Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) in turmeric during crop year 2011-12 due to steep fall of turmeric prices in the State.

2. In the reference 2nd read above has approved Market intervention Scheme (MIS) in turmeric for crop season 2011-12 in as per following details.

1. MIS will remain in force from 20.03.2012 till 20.04.2012.
2. A maximum quantity of 54,000 MT of turmeric will be procured, under the scheme. The entire quantity of turmeric will be procured by the State agencies.
3. The Market Intervention Price (MIP) will be Rs.4000/- per qtl. for FAQ of turmeric with the overhead expenses of Rs.1000/- per qtl. or actual which ever is less. The overhead expenses include purchase tax, mandi tax, godown charges, packing material, loading/un-loading commission, transportation, grading & Packing/stitching charges.
4. The losses, if any, will be shared 50:50 basis between the Central Government and Government of Andhra Pradesh. However, the loss is restricted up to the 25% of the procurement cost (maximum limit of loss to be shared between Central and State Government) including the permissible over heads.
5. The procured quantity of turmeric will be disposed of by the procuring agencies at maximum realizable rates to reduce the losses on Government account.
6. Purchase centers/areas will be decided by the State Government in consultation with the State agencies.
7. The stocks will be purchased from the Cooperative Societies, farmers organizations or directly from the farmers to eliminate the possibility of middlemen taking advantage of the scheme. Further, a mechanism should be developed to ensure that the produce is purchased from genuine farmers only. All the relevant documents/records should be properly maintained by the procuring agencies.
8. The procured stocks will be disposed of in the open market to ensure maximum realizable price. If necessary, this can also be sold to processing units, within the period of three months of the completion of the MIS operation.
9. The state procuring agencies will furnish the audited accounts to the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi through State Government within the period of three months of the completion of the MIS operation.

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10. In order to avoid recycling, the stock should not be sold in the same market/State from where it has been procured during the period of the scheme. However, if the prices are better it can also sold locally.
11. The State Government/State designated agency may furnish weekly reports indicating purchases made under the scheme and the ruling market prices to the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi regularly.
12. The State Government will be responsible to arrange the working capital for the State Agencies for procurement of the requisite quantity of the commodity under the scheme.

3. In the reference 4th read above, The AP MARKFED is nominated as the agency of State Government and it shall open purchase centers in functional market yards of 1. Nizamabad (Nimabad District) 2. Jagtial (Karim Nagar District) 3. Duggirala (Guntur District) to start with.

4. The District Collectors will constitute the required purchase teams at the Agricultural Market Committees drafting one Agriculture Officer/Horticulture Officer/Marketing or Agmark officer, trained by the Agmark Laboratory, and MARKFED trained executive/Team leader as graders for certifying the quality of stock to be procured. These two teams will be jointly held responsible for the quality of the stock procured. The District Manager, MARKFED concerned will be the overall in-charge to ensure the quality, weighment, dispatch and storage of stocks upto cold storage by coordinating with all concerned. One Revenue Inspector/Senior Assistant will be posted with each team for identification of genuineness of the farmers at procurement center.

5. Commissioner & Director of Marketing will issue instructions to chief chemist Agmark Laboratory to collect random samples during procurement period and give the report on quality to center-in-charge and also to Managing Director A.P.MARKFED. Any deviation found with reference to FAQ specifications will be viewed seriously and responsibility will be fixed on the members of the team concerned.

6. The District Collectors will take necessary steps to identify the genuine farmers and arrange to issue coupons in the formats already printed and supplied. The arrivals will be regulated to the manageable limits by giving village wise/mandal wise programs to the farmers to bring their produce on specified days/dates, so that the teams deployed at the centers can grade, certify quality, Weigh and dispatch the stocks to the various cold storages on the same day.

7. The District Collectors, Nizamabad, Karimnagar & Guntur are nominated as Nodal officers for coordinating and regulating the arrivals of Turmeric being arrived from the neighboring turmeric growing Districts by allotting certain days in the week.

8. The District Collectors will also nominate one competent District level officer as special officer to over-see the entire turmeric procurement operations and to coordinate with various Mandal Revenue Officers about the identification of genuine farmers, issue of coupons, regulating the arrivals and day to day purchases and transportation of stocks to various cold storages to avoid the rush and backlog of stocks at the centers.

9. The District Collectors concerned will identify the reputed cold storages in the District negotiate and fix the rents for season and off-season and also finalize the rates for transportation of the stocks to the nearest cold storages by constituting a committee headed by Joint Collectors.

10. In case sufficient cold storage space is not available within the District, Managing Director, A.P.MARKFED will issue tenders and identify the cold storages out side the Districts which are near to the procurement center.

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11. Marketing Department shall position necessary equipments like Moisture measuring meters, weighing machines and earmark necessary sheds and godowns in the market yards. Similarly the MARKFED District Managers should also inspect the available necessary equipments at the purchase centers well in advance in order to make use of such equipments at the time of procurement. Agricultural Market Yard Secretary should also ensure to provide sufficient weighmen and hamalis in the Market Yards.

13. The Marketing Department and the District Collectors shall take action to ensure the adequate publicity is given to the farmers through press, electronic media, beat of drum (tom-tom), leaf lets etc., to create awareness among the farmers about the MIS operations, and FAQ specifications, the location of purchase centers and the procedure being followed for procurement of turmeric under MIS. All the required details be displayed at the Gram Panchayat Office in all the turmeric growing villages.

14. The payment of money to the farmers should be done by cheque only. If the amount is more than Rs.20,000, crossed A/c payee cheque should be issued.

15. After the closure of procurement, Government will constitute Disposal committee to initiate action for disposal of stocks taking prevailing market rates into consideration at highest rates received in tender cum open auction

16. The Managing Director, AP MARKFED shall send proposals to constitute the Disposal committee to initiate action for disposal of stocks

17. AP MARKFED will be allowed over head expenses of Rs.1000/- per qtl. or actual which ever is less. The overhead expenses include purchase tax, mandi tax, godown charges, packing material. Loading/un-loading, Commission, transporation, grading & Packing/stitching charges and Hamali charges etc.,

18. After disposal of the stocks Managing Director, AP MARKFED shall submit finalized accounts duly audited by statutory Auditors appointed by the Chief Auditor O/o Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar of Cooperative Societies, A.P., Hyderabad. Government of Andhra Pradesh will reimburse the losses duly deducting the amount reimbursed by Government of India as per the MIS guide lines in force.

19. This order issues with the concurrence Finance (Expr. A&C) Department vide their U.O.No.1817/104/A2/EAC/12 Dated:01.03.2012.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. C V S K SARMA
APC & PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Managing Director, AP MARKFED,
CC to Commissioner of Horticulture, Hyderabad
CC to Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, Hyderabad.
CC to Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Hyderabad.
CC to District Collectors Nizamabad, Karimnagar & Guntur
CC to PS to Additional Secretary to Chief Minister
CC to PS to Special chief Secretary (Agricultural Marketing & Cooperation)
CC to PS to M(Horticulture)
CC to PS to M(Cooperation)

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